

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 25-45 are pending in the application. Claims 25, 32 and 39 have been amended. Claim 46 has been added. No claims have been canceled.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 25-45 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,647,534 B1. In response, Applicant is filing simultaneously herewith, a terminal disclaimer in which a terminal portion of the claims of the subject application that extends beyond the term of the claims of the U.S. Patent No. 6,647,534 B1, if the subject application were to mature into a granted patent is disclaimed. It is respectfully submitted that in view of the terminal disclaimer, the Examiner should withdraw the rejection of claims 25-45 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

The Examiner rejected claims 25-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miller (U.S. 6,613,100). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claim 25 as amended includes:

A method, used in a computer system that includes a user input device coupled to a processor, a display and a memory, for viewing at least one of a plurality of documents, including a document selected as a current document displayed in a first display area of the display, the method comprising:

(a) in response to a first signal from the user input device corresponding to movement of a pointer in the first display area, displaying in a second display area of the display a representation of content of another document associated by a link to the current document, without selecting the other document as the current document and displaying the other document in the first display area of the display;

(b) in response to a second signal from the user input device distinguishable from the first signal, selecting the other document as the current document;

(c) displaying the other document as the current document in the first display area of the display; and

(d) repeatedly performing steps (a), (b) , and (c), re-using the first and second display areas of the display, to present different documents in the plurality of documents to a user. (emphasis added)

As indicated above, Claim 25 sets forth a method in which a current document is displayed in a first display area and another document is displayed in a second display area in response to a signal corresponding to the movement of a pointer in the first display area. Applicant respectfully submits that Miller does not disclose this feature.

Miller discloses a graphical user interface that displays a current document and thumbnails of a number of related documents from which a user may select. The related documents are grouped according to predetermined user-defined criterion such that those documents relating to the current document in the same way are grouped together. To determine the related documents, Miller discloses performing content analysis. Based on the results of content analysis, documents are selected and their thumbnails are included on the user interface. However, Miller does not disclose that any of the related documents are displayed as a result of a signal corresponding to the movement of a pointer in the current document. That is, Miller does not disclose a current document being displayed in a first display area and another document being displayed in a second display area in response to a signal corresponding to the movement of a pointer in the first display area. In view of this, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention as claimed is not anticipated by Miller. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) has been overcome by the amendments and the remarks. Applicant submits that claims 25-45 as amended are now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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